

66

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 10:10 AM, 10/27/68

048991

PAGE 2 OF 3 PAGES

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

048991 048991 048991

[REDACTED]

A NEARBY RED CROSS INSTALLATION AND HAD COUNTED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN WOUNDED STUDENTS AND THIRTY WOUNDED SOLDIERS, BUT THAT THE MAJORITY OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO THE MILITARY HOSPITAL. THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING A PARATROOP BATTALION THAT WAS ENGAGED IN THE ENCOUNTER RECEIVED A BULLET WOUND IN THE CHEST, AND HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO SURVIVE.

3. [REDACTED] HIS ENCOUNTER WAS A PREMEDITATED PLOT ON THE PART OF STUDENTS TO ENTRAP THE ARMY TROOPS. THE FIRST SHOTS WERE FIRED BY THE STUDENTS WHO HAD TAKEN UP POSITIONS IN THE EDIFICIO CHIHUAHUA, AN APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE PLAZA. SOME OF THE STUDENTS WERE IN POSSESSION OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. ARMY TROOPS WHO LATER ENTERED THIS BUILDING DISCOVERED MANY WEAPONS AND CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION.

4. [REDACTED] INTER-
NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THIS WAS A PREMEDITATED
ENCOUNTER PROVOKED BY THE STUDENTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONLY A SCATTERING OF TROOPS WAS PRESENT ON THE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

238

FRIMGES OF THE DEMONSTRATION WHEN FIRING FROM THE STUDENTS
BEGAN, BUT ARMY REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

5.

[REDACTED] MOST OF THE STUDENTS PRESENT ON THE
SPEAKERS' PLATFORM WERE ARMED, ONE WITH A SUB-MACHINEGUN, AND
THAT THEY STARTED SHOOTING WHEN TROOPS MOVED IN TO DISPERSE
THE GATHERING. [REDACTED] HAT TROOPS
WERE ONLY ANSWERING THE FIRE FROM THE STUDENTS.

6. FROM ALL INDICATIONS, THIS IS THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT
THUS FAR IN THE RASH OF STUDENT DISTURBANCES WHICH BEGAN IN LATE
JULY. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE IMPACT OF THIS EVENT ON
THE GLYMPIC GAMES WHICH ARE TO BEGIN ON 12 OCTOBER, BUT IT IS
REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT IT MIGHT CAST SOME DOUBT ON THE CAP-
ABILITY OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN THE DEGREE OF
ORDER WHICH VISITORS WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT TO ENJOY ON SUCH
AN OCCASION.

7.

[REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR FBI CINCSO CINCLANT.
REPORTCLASS: CONFIDENTIAL [REDACTED]

ADVANCE COPY TRANSMITTED TO WHITE HOUSE STATE
DIA ARMY NAVY AIR JCS NIC NSA OCT AND USIA

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~